SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Sir, I would like to know whether any review been done in respect of the schemes narrated by hon. Minister, as far as the tribal belt, particularly the Merghat belt, of Maharashtra is concerned. Hundreds of children and women are dying there because of malnutrition. So, the Central Government should come forward with a special assistance, instead of depending on the routine schemes of Government of India lemented by Maharashtra Government. Is there any scheme to give central assistance to the Government of Maharashtra ?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, the Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Cease-Fire by Militant Groups

*364. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) after the cease-fire with BLT, what is the position of other militant groups like NDF (B), BTF, Birsa Munda Force etc. in Bodoland areas ;

(b) whether they are preparing for such cease-fire; and

(c) what steps have been proposed or thought of by his Ministry with regard to identify questions in general and of Bodos in particular ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) :

(a) and (b) There is no information available with the Government that other militant groups like NDFB, BTF, Birsa Munda Force, etc. in the Bodoland Autonomous Council Areas are preparing for suspension of operations, as agreed to with the BLT.

(c) The Assam Accord 1985 provides the framework for protecting, preserving and promoting the identity of the Assamese people in general. Similarly, the Bodo Accord 1993 provides the framework for socio-economic, educational, ethinic and cultural advancement of the Bodos.

Amount provided to Naxalite affected States

†*365. SHRI JHUMUL LAL BHENDIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government intend to get rid of the responsibility of naxalism by treating it as a State subject;

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(b) if not, the amount provided by the Central Government to the naxalite affected since 1998-99 till date, State-wise;

(c) if so, whether the said amount have been given on the basis of demand; and

(d) the number of cases pending so far ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) :

(a) to (d) "Public Order" and "Police" are State subjects. In the circumstances, the concerned State Governments have to devise various measures and take concrete steps to curb left wing extremist activities in the States. However, keeping in view the over all dimensions, which left wing extremism has assumed in some States, it has become a matter of concern for the Central Government as well. It has, therefore, set up a high level Coordination Centre, headed by the Union Home Secretary with Chief Secretaries and Directors General of Police of the seriously affected States, as its members, to review and coordinate steps taken by these States to check the left extremist activities, monitor the plan of action in respect of each State and to make recommendations both on development and security aspects of the problem.

The Coordination Centre has been meeting periodically. Several important decisions such as providing financial support from the Centre for combating left wing extremist activities, construction/improvement of identified critical roads, preparation of plans for development of affected areas to tackle the problem in a holistic manner, sharing of intelligence inputs on constant basis, providing assistance of para-military forces on need basis etc., have also been taken and effectively followed-up.

Under the Scheme for reimbursement of Security Related expenditure to the States affected by left wing extremism, the following amounts have been released during the year 1999-2000 :

Andhra Pradesh	Rs. 30.46 crores
Bihar	Rs. 9.00 crores
Madhya Pradesh	Rs. 5.00 crores
Maharashtra	Rs. 1.96 crores
Orissa	Rs. 3.58 crores

Besides the above, the following funds have been released to the States affected by left wing extremism during the years 1998-99 and 1999-2000, under the Scheme for Modernisation of State Police forces :—

(Rs. in crores)

	Funds released during	
	1998-99	1999-2000
Andhra Pradesh	7.09	3.54
Bihar	6.33	5.08
Madhya Pradesh	4.37	8.46
Maharashtra	3.24	5.68
Orissa	1.04	.52

Pakistani Citizens overstaying in India

*366. SHRI AMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of Pakistani citizens overstaying in India and how many of them have been identified as ISI agents; and

(b) what steps are being taken to deport them since last six months and how many of them are in detention ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) : (a) and (b) As per available information, as on 31-12-1999, regarding Pak nationals who visited India, a total number of 11,433 Pak nationals were reported to have not returned after their authorised stay. Of these, 8,873 have overstayed and 2,560 are reported untraced. The possibility of some of them having links with the ISI cannot be ruled out. As on 31-10-99, 226 Pakistani civil prisoners were lodged in various Indian Jails. The Government of India are in constant touch with the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations on the subject of tracing out such Pak nationals and to deport them.

Performance of Power Sector

†*367. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the performance of the power sector has been reviewed recently;

(b) if so, the details of the standard parameters with regard to the power units of public sector and private sector separately;

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